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Atlas Rejoins Comics Pantheon

Last week, *CSN* told readers about the return of Atlas Comics, the short-lived company published in the mid-1970s by Marvel founder *Martin Goodman*. In early 2011, the company will make its comic shop appearance under the guidance of publisher (and *Martin Goodman* grandson) *Jason Goodman*, in conjunction with Ardden co-presidents *Richard Emms & Brendan Deneen* and Ardden editor-in-chief *J.M. DeMatteis*.

"Although my grandfather eventually sold Marvel, he insisted on keeping Atlas Comics in the family," *Jason Goodman* said. "As a result of his vision, Atlas Comics is the largest individually-held library of comic book heroes and villains on the planet. We've had the rights all these years, just waiting for the right moment.

"We have twenty-eight titles and hundreds of characters imagined by some of the greatest minds in the industry. They will now find a new life in comics, television, and movies. We are thrilled to finally bring these great characters back for the world to enjoy."

How did Atlas and Ardden become partners in the relaunch? "After the success we'd been having with ***Flash Gordon*** and ***Casper the Friendly Ghost*** (published as ***Casper and the Spectrals***), I was trying to think of a new license to go after," *Brendan Deneen* said. "As you know, almost every single license has been gobbled up by bigger companies. One day, I randomly got to thinking about Atlas Comics, which I had collected as back issues and loved as a teenager. I put out some feelers and eventually got in touch with *Jason Goodman*. We're both based in New York, so we started meeting and I think we immediately had a great creative connection.

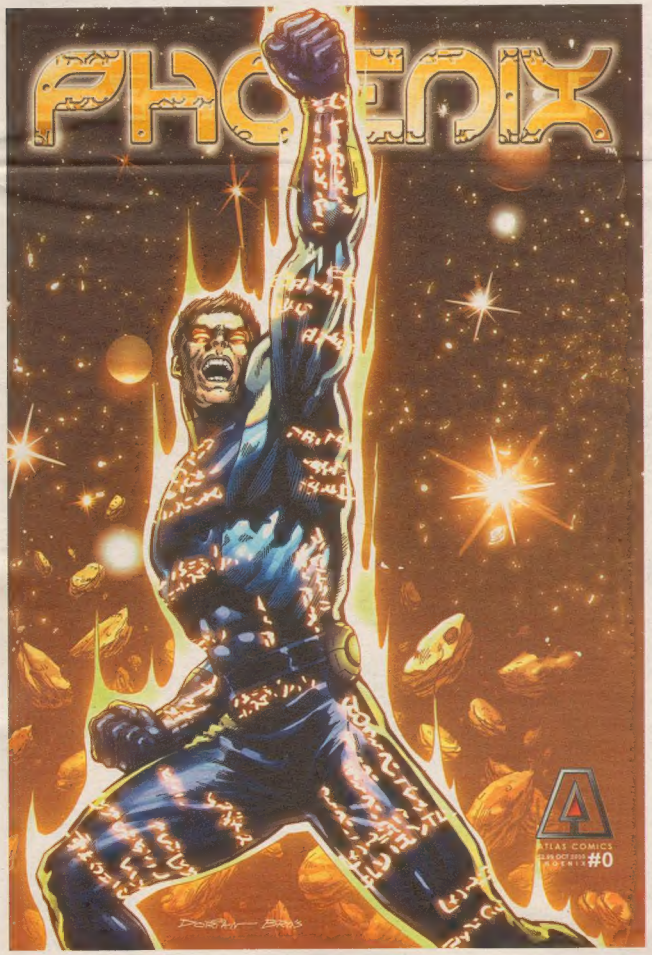
"Once Jason decided that Ardden Entertainment was the right company to work with on the Atlas Comics relaunch, the negotiations literally happened in one afternoon. We had been meeting for a long time before we reached that point, so we were already very comfortable with each other and had become friends."

What made Ardden appealing to Atlas? "The lobster bisque in their corporate cafeteria is the best I've ever had," Goodman joked. "Seriously, we were looking for an independent comic publisher to work with and noticed Ardden's work on the ***Flash Gordon*** and ***Casper*** relaunches" Goodman said. " After a few meetings it was clear that Brendan's background – and obvious talent – was a great fit for us."

What made now the right time to bring back the Atlas characters? "A combination of factors," Goodman explained. "A very high level of market interest (based on the number of unsolicited calls I received for the properties); having enough time to devote personally to the project (this is *not* a passive endeavor for me); and finding the right team to work with (my creative team along with *Brendan Deneen* and the whole gang at Ardden Entertainment)."

And what made the venture so appealing to Ardden? "A number of factors," Deneen said. "First off, there is the incredible Goodman legacy. This is the family that created Marvel Comics! That's no small thing.

"Secondly, we're talking about over two dozens comic book titles and hundreds of characters in a library. It's a group of characters that is beloved by a number of people. But it's also a group of characters that have enormous potential. Like we did with ***Flash Gordon*** and ***Casper***, we are looking to reinvent these titles for the 21st century while remaining true to what made them so fun in the first place."



Will the books be co-branded with both Atlas and Ardden logos? "The covers will only have the Atlas logo, to keep them from getting cluttered," Deneen said, "but the inside covers will have both the Atlas and Ardden info."

How large will the Atlas line be, once the full rollout is complete? Are there any new projects in the works in addition to the already-published properties? "The Atlas line has twenty-eight titles and hundreds of characters," Goodman said. "The rollout will be extensive, but very methodical. There is no intention to flood the marketplace with gobs of mediocre product. Our desire is to pair the right story with the right talent and move ahead only once we have satisfied that criteria.

"We're launching our zero issues of first two books, ***Grim Ghost*** and ***Phoenix,*** this year, and both titles will begin their normal frequency in January 2011. I think it would be a safe bet to expect at least two more titles to be launched in the first quarter of 2011."

"Those zero issues will be available to comic shops via Diamond in the coming weeks, and the ongoing series will be available in early 2011," Deneen added.

"As to new projects, this is a highly creative endeavor out of which many new stories and characters will emerge," Goodman said. "I'm certain that at some point in the future those new ideas will find life, but at this point we are truly focused on the creative legacy that we have been blessed with!"

" I personally hope we are able to relaunch every single Atlas title over the coming years! Of course, we are going to take our time doing so," Deneen continued. "We have no desire to flood the market. We're talking about each title in great detail before we make any decision about relaunching it. It took us months to settle on ***Grim Ghost*** and ***Phoenix*** because we wanted to make sure that those two were the absolute best titles to start the relaunch. We factored in modern storytelling/narrative appetites when making those decisions as well."

Are any of the Atlas properties off limits? "I've never been a big fan of limits!" Goodman said. "Seriously though, *all* of the Atlas titles are in the mix, and it is amazing how much fan interest we get for each of them—thank you, fans! "

Does the deal include reprint rights for the 1970s material? "We're definitely talking about a major reprint—and possibly a number of them," Deneen said.

The books will be helmed by editor-in-chief *J.M. DeMatteis*, a comics industry veteran who has worked with virtually every major publisher in a career that spans almost three decades. "The Atlas universe is filled with characters of tremendous potential," DeMatteis said. "I look forward to being a part of this re-launch as we re-imagine these wonderful characters and send them off on new adventures for the first time in thirty-five years."

How did DeMatteis become involved with the line? Will he be writing any of the books, or just working as editor? "*J.M. DeMatteis* has been the Editor-in-Chief of Ardden Entertainment since we launched the company in 2007, and he is integral to everything we do," Deneen said. "His notes on my ***Flash Gordon*** scripts are an enormous help (and also, how cool to have your scripts edited by *J.M. frickin' DeMatteis*?!). For now, J.M. will be working strictly in an editorial role, but we are in talks to bring him on board as a writer for one of the future Atlas titles."

Any chance that some of the original creators of the properties will be involved? We're certainly open to that!" Deneen said.

Is there any chance that new properties and concepts will be introduced as part of the line? "That isn't something we have discussed," Deneen said, "but personally, I don't think so. With so many titles and characters to choose from, why add something new?! However, Ardden has some new titles coming out next year (not to mention the next arc in the our ***Flash Gordon*** series, ***Invasion of the Red Sword***), so we have plenty to keep us busy!"

Grim Ghost #0 and ***Phoenix #0*** are tentatively slated to reach comic shops in November. To see more art, visit *http://csnsider.com/spotlight.htm*

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•DC co-pubishers *Jim Lee & Dan DiDio* have confirmed that "the WildStorm Universe titles will end this December," according to their post on the WildStorm blog. "While these will be the final issues published under the WildStorm imprint, it will not be the last we will see of many of these heroes. We, along with *Geoff Johns*, have a lot of exciting plans for these amazing characters, so stay tuned. Going forward, WildStorm's licensed titles and kids comics will now be published under the DC banner." DC is also closing down the ZUDA imprint, and will be moving ZUDA projects to the DC banner as well.

•DC has announced allocations on orders of ***Superman/Batman: Apocalypse DVD Supergirl Maquette.*** Check with the folks at your friendly neighborhood comic shop for more info on availability.

•DC has removed ***Warlord: The Forgotten TP*** from the schedule; there are no current plans to resolicit.

•The ***Green Lantern Honor Guard Ring Prop Replica*** has been indefinitely postponed; look for more info in *CSN* once a new release date is established.

•***PunisherMax #s 10 & 11*** have both been cancelled and will be resolicited at a later date.

•Due to health-related delays (which have fortunately been remedied now!), *J. Michael Straczynski's* "Superman Grounded" saga is running a bit late. As a result, *G. Willow Wilson & Leandro Oliveira* present a "Grounded" interlude in ***Superman #704*** detailing a visit Lois Lane makes to the town where she went to college in anticipation of Superman's arrival. When she runs into an old boyfriend and sees the nice, normal family he has, Lois can't help but examine the choices she made and wonder if they were the correct ones. The "Grounded" chapter originally intended for ***Superman #704*** will now appear in #705.

Back to Press

•***Morning Glories #1 4th & Final Printing*** (AUG108116), in stores 10/20.

Scarlet #2 2nd Printing (JUL108212), in stores 10/13.

•***Shadowland #1 4th Printing*** (JUL108213), in stores 10/13.

•***Shadowland #2 3rd Printing*** (JUL108214), in stores 10/13.

•***Skullkickers #1 2nd Printing*** (AUG108013), in stores 10/13.

•***Wolverine #1 2nd Printing*** (JUL108211), in stores 10/13.

Coming Comics— DC in December

Paul Cornell & Pete Woods kick off a two-part crossover with the Secret Six in ***Action Comics #896.*** Lex Luthor doesn't want to get his hands dirty fighting Vandal Savage (that Black Ring energy ain't gonna find itself!), so he hires Savage's daughter Scandal and her Secret Six team to take the immortal villain down for him!

In ***Action Comics Annual #13,*** *Paul Cornell, Marco Rudy, & Ed Benes* take a look back at two formative experiences that helped make Luthor the mad genius we all know and love.

The rebuilding of the Green Lantern Corps in the 31st century starts in ***Adventure Comics #521*** by *Paul Levitz, Geraldo Borges, & Marlo Alquiza.* Now set in "contemporary" Legion times, this issue tells an all-new tale starring the last survivors of the fabled Corps.

Batman teams up with Captain Marvel in ***The All-New Batman: The Brave and the Bold #2.***

Batman guest-stars in ***Azrael #15,*** which begins when Azrael is found crucified, and a mystery swirls around his fate. It's time for the world's greatest detective to step in and figure out how this destiny came to pass. And how will this continue to play into the founding of Batman, Inc?

In *Tony Daniel's* ***Batman #705,*** Batman joins forces with a new hero who's as dangerous as she is beautiful. When members of a secret order turn up dead and tortured in Gotham City's Chinatown district, I-Ching informs Batman that he fears an ancient relic is the target. With few clues to go by and the stakes getting higher, Batman races to locate the surviving members of the order before it's too late.

Batman faces the Penguin in the search for his childhood friend Dawn Golden… but what The Dark Knight finds sends him on a far darker and more desperate path in *David Finch's* ***Batman: The Dark Knight #2.*** Now he's forced to reach out to Etrigan, the Demon, for help—a favor that may come at too high a price!

DC calls on a number of promising new talents to pay a visit to Gotham in ***Batman 80-Page Giant 2010,*** a standalone special that features seven new tales featuring the Joker, the Riddle, Calendar Man, Scarecrow, and others.

The dynamic new era of Batman continues in *Grant Morrison & Yanick Paquette's* ***Batman, Inc. #2*** as the Dark Knight and Mr. Unknown—the Batman of Japan—go up

SPIDER-MAN

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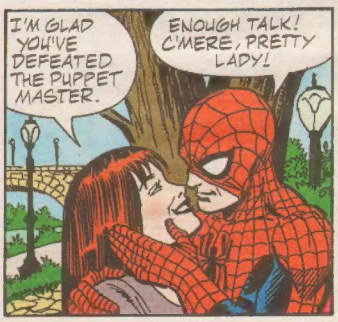
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ENOUGH TALK! C'MERE, PRETTY LADY!
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against Lord Death Man.

Neal Adams brings his first six-parter to a close in ***Batman: Odyssey #6*** with a tale that brings together Batman, Deadman, and the Joker—working together and against each other— as they break into Arkham Asylum and confront the doctors who control the most heinous criminals. But does some other powerful individual control these monsters?

Robin's been found dead! And that's not an easy thing to face – especially when you're Tim Drake! In ***Batman: Orphans,*** a two-part series by *Eddie Berganza, Carlo Barberi, & Juan Vlasco,* Tim and Batman must solve the murder of an impostor Robin and follow the trail of someone putting together a new team of teenaged sidekicks made up of kids who've been promised that they'll become the new Robin… *if* they survive!

David Hine & Agustin Padilla present a two-part tale in ***Detective Comics Annual #12*** and ***Batman Annual #28.*** What starts as a Batman, Inc. recruitment trip soon turns into an international incident as The Dark Knight encounters a string of bizarre murders in Paris, France. Featuring both Bruce Wayne and Dick Grayson as Batman, this extra-sized spectacular guest-stars The Question and spotlights the debut of a new Bat-ally!

In *Gail Simone & Ardian Syaf's* ***Birds of Prey #7,*** one of Oracle's fiercest enemies finds her alone and far from her allies and safe houses – and that's just the tip of the iceberg as Batman returns!

Forced to face the reality that his best friend Ted Kord is never coming back from the dead, Booster Gold withdraws from reality by running home to his original time and place in ***Booster Gold #39.*** Unfortunately, once home, he's arrested for the theft of the Time Sphere that allowed him to become Booster Gold in the first place!

The legacy of the new Aqualad is forged and the extent of his powers is revealed in ***Brightest Day #s 15 & 16.*** Plus, Aquagirl joins the battle, and Firestorm seeks out the Justice League's help!

Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, Tony Bedard, Joe Cavalieri, Kevin Grevioux, and others contribute holiday-themed tales in the 56-page ***DCU Holiday Special 2010,*** which features tales from the dawn of time (Anthro) to the far-flung future (Legion of Super-Heroes), as well as Superman, The Spectre, Jonah Hex, and Green Lantern John Stewart.

Four new Supermen . . . a new Batman . . . the DC Universe has never seen such change. When it comes to the Reign of the new

ness the fall of the greatest Green Lantern of all time – Hal Jordan! And take a trip to Apokolips and the world of the New Gods! It's all packed into ***DC Universe Legacies #8*** by *Len Wein, Dan Jurgens, & Jerry Ordway.*

Geoff Johns & Francis Manapul introduce a new speedster in ***Flash #9*** as Hot Pursuit makes his debut. He's here to make sure no one breaks the speed limit – hero or villain! And just wait until you see whose face is under Hot Pursuit's helmet…

Who is the Lady of the Forest... and what significance does she have in the life of the Emerald Archer? Find out in ***Green Arrow #7*** by *J.T. Krul & Mike Mayhew.*

In ***Green Lantern #61,*** *Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy* reveal the identity of the cloaked figure that's been collecting the Emotional Spectrum Entities. But how does its end goal involve the Butcher, the personification of rage? Plus, another being seeks the red entity—the Spectre! And he has no patience with his former host Hal Jordan, who happens to be in the way…

What do you want for Christmas? Orange Lantern Larfleeze wants *everything*—including Santa Claus himself! And nothing, not even the heroes of the DC Universe can to stop the Orange Lantern from getting what he wants, as readers will discover in ***Green Lantern: Larfleeze Christmas Special #1*** by *Geoff Johns & Brett Booth.* Plus, you won't want to miss the strange holiday season shenanigans starring the rest of the Orange Lantern Corps!

War breaks out on Qward between the Green Lantern Corps and the Weaponers in ***Green Lantern Corps #55.*** Plus, the secret pact between Atrocitus, Guy Gardner and Ganthet is revealed!

Here's the bad news: a horde of aliens is living undercover on Earth, and they're smuggling weapons off-planet to fuel an interstellar war! Here's the good news: two of Earth's most powerful heroes are on the case, and one of them is the finest cop in the galaxy, Green Lantern! But here's the bad news again: the other one is Plastic Man. Witness the misadventure in ***Green Lantern/Plastic Man: Weapons of Mass Deception,*** a oneshot by *Marv Wolfman & Brent Anderson.*

Justin Gray & Jimmy Palmiotti join with guest artist *Eduardo Risso* for a tale that dispatches Jonah to escort a delivery through the desert in ***Jonah Hex #62.***

With Washington, D.C. in the hands of The Omega Man and the full extent of his horrific power revealed, the JLA is forced to team with the World's Worst Villains—the Crime Syndicate—in order to save both Earths. How will this desperate action be affected by Ultra Man's betrayal of everyone. . . and the reappearance of Dark Supergirl? Find out in ***Justice League of America #52*** by *James Robinson & Mark Bagley.*

The world blames the Justice League International for the Chicago death toll and the death of a hero in ***Justice League: Generation Lost #15.*** Then, in ***#16,*** the Creature Commandos attack the JLI and one of the team nears death. Meanwhile, Power Girl swears vengeance on the JLI for her friend's death, but Batman suspects foul play.

The legendary team of *Paul Levitz & Keith Giffen* reunite on the Legion for the first time in twenty years in ***Legion of Super-Heroes Annual #1.*** And their next 31st century masterpiece introduces the all-new, all-deadly Emerald Empress! She's ultra-twisted! She possesses entire planets! And she devastates the Legion so completely that one Legionnaire will never be the same!

Superman pays a visit to Des Moines, Iowa, in ***Superman #706*** by *J. Michael Straczynski & Eddy Barrows.* A chance encounter there, however, suddenly thrusts Superman back in time. So somehow he's Superboy again, the world is on the brink of nuclear Armageddon and it's all his fault!

The Man of Steel and the Dark Knight pay a visit to the 853rd century in ***Superman/Batman #79*** as *Chris Roberson & Jesus Merino* send the World's Finest Heroes to the world of ***DC One Million,*** where a dangerous foe threatens to destroy both the 853rd and 21st centuries.

Mark Sable & Sean Murphy bring the Teen Titans and The Flash's Rogues Gallery into direct conflict in ***Teen Titans: Cold Case.*** Two people already died over a mysterious object, and now both teams want it. How much more blood will be spilled to obtain it as this gets deadly personal for all involved?

Finding Bruce Wayne seems like a trivial pursuit compared to the horrors that the Time Masters stumble upon concerning 2011 and the entire DC Universe! How far has Reverse-Flash gone this time in his manipulations of the time-stream?! Find out in *Dan Jurgens'* ***Time Masters: Vanishing Point #6,*** which offers a peek at what lies ahead for the DCU... and some intriguing links to the upcoming event ***FlashPoint.***

When the Tiny Titans discover a "mirror" universe, they have to figure out if the new Mirror Titans are friends or foes. Meet the Tiny Titans from Multiple Earths in ***Tiny Titans #35*** by *Art Baltazar & Franco.*

Sabrina the Witch and Raven take center stage in *Art Baltazar & Franco's* ***Tiny Titans/Little Archie #3,*** causing everything in the world of the Tiny Titans and Little Archie

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to get mixed up more than ever! And Veronica finally brings the other little kid with an "R" on his shirt home to meet her father. Can Robin's utility belt help him in this kind of situation?

The inmates of Arkham Asylum take over, leaving Deathstroke's team of misfits fighting for their lives against Gotham City's most dangerous lunatics in ***Titans #30.*** Will Deathstroke and Arsenal be able to side with Batman long enough to survive the night?

Deep beneath the city, Diana tracks the Morrigan to their lair in ***Wonder Woman #606*** by *J Michael Straczynski, Don Kramer, & Jay Leisten.* And what she finds there will astonish everyone!

DC's special 96-page reprint comics continue in December with:

- ***DC Comics Presents Batman #3,*** collecting ***Batman #s 595-598*** by *Ed Brubaker, Scott McDaniel,* and others.
- ***DC Comics Presents Batman Beyond #1,*** reprinting the animation-inspired ***Batman Beyond #s 13, 14, 21, & 22.***
- ***DC Comics Presents Brightest Day #3,*** collecting ***Teen Titans #s 27-28*** and ***Legends of the DC Universe #s 26-27.***
- ***DC Comics Presents JLA #1,*** collecting ***JLA #s 91-93.***
- ***DC Comics Presents Superman #3,*** collecting ***Superman #s 177-178 & 181-182*** by *Jeph Loeb, Ed McGuinness, & Cam Smith.*
- ***DC Comics Presents T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents #1,*** collecting Tower Comics' ***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents #s 1, 2, & 7,*** featuring work by *Wally Wood, Gil Kane, Steve Ditko, Reed Crandall,* and others.
- ***DC Comics Presents Young Justice #3,*** collecting ***Secret Origins 80-Page Giant*** and ***Young Justice #7.***

DC collected editions (advance solicited for January and February release) include:

- ***Batman: Hush Unwrapped Deluxe Edition HC,*** a 320-page volume that presents *Jim Lee's* art in pencil form, complete with lettering.
- ***Batman: The Joker's Asylum Volume 2 TP,*** collecting five oneshots starring the Riddler, Harley Quinn, Mad Hatter, Clayface, and Killer Croc.
- ***Batman: The Return of Bruce Wayne Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting the six-part series by *Grant Morrison* and a variety of artists.
- ***Batman Vs. The Undead TP,*** collecting ***Batman Confidential #s 44-48.***
- ***Bayou Volume 2 TP,*** collecting the webcomic by *Jeremy Love.*
- ***Doom Patrol: Brotherhood TP,*** collecting ***Doom Patrol #s 7-13.***
- ***Fraction TP,*** collecting the 2004 series by *David Tischman & Timothy Green II.*
- ***The Flash: The Dastardly Death of the Rogues HC,*** collecting ***The Flash #s 1-6 & Secret Files 2010.***
- ***Justice League: The Rise and Fall HC,*** collecting ***Justice League: Rise & Fall Special, Green Arrow #s 31 & 32,*** and ***The Rise of Arsenal #s 1-4.***
- ***Justice League International Volume 5 TP,*** collecting ***Justice League International Annual #s 2 & 3*** and ***Justice League Europe #s 1-6.***
- ***The Question: Pipeline TP,*** collecting material from ***Detective Comics #s 854-863.***
- ***Seven Soldiers of Victory Book Two HC,*** collecting ***Mister Miracle #s 1-4, Bulleteer #s 1-4, Zatanna #4, Klarion #4, Frankenstein #s 1-4,*** and ***Seven Soldiers of Victory #1.***
- ***Secret Six: Cat's in the Cradle TP,*** collecting ***Secret Six #s 19-24.***
- ***Superman: Nightwing and Flamebird TP,*** collecting ***Action #s 875-879 & Annual #12.***
- ***Superman: War of the Supermen HC,*** collecting ***War of the Supermen #s 0-4*** and a page from ***Superman #700.***

Coming Comics— Mad/DC in November

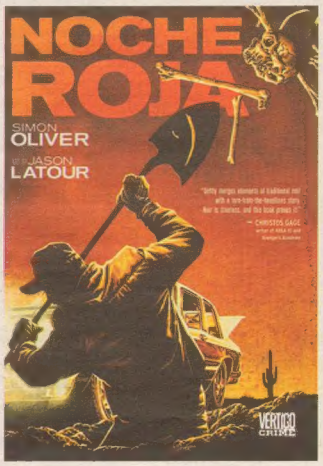
Mad celebrates everyone's favorite Black and White spies with the ***Mad Special: Spy Vs. Spy,*** which features the best of Spy vs. Spy cartoonists *Antonio Prohias* and *Peter Kuper* — plus new Spy stories from some of today's hottest cartoonists.

Coming Comics— WildStorm/ DC in December

WildStorm's most enigmatic team stars in ***WildStorm Presents Planetary: Lost Worlds #1,*** a special by *Warren Ellis, Phil Jimenez, Jerry Ordway, & Andy Lanning.* First, during an investigation of The Authority, the post-human pantheon intrudes in one of Planetary's old cases. Then second tale introduces the new Planetary field crew—Clark Kent, Bruce Wayne and Diana Prince?

WildStorm collected editions (advance solicited for January & February release) include:

- ***Fringe: Tales from the Fringe TP,*** collecting the six-part miniseries based on the fan-favorite television show.
- ***Gears of War Book Two HC,*** collecting ***Gears of War #s 7-13.***
- ***Sparta USA TP,*** collecting the six-part series by *David Lapham & Johnny Timmons.*
- ***Telara Chronicles TP,*** collecting ***Telara Chronicles #s 0-4.***



Coming Comics— Vertigo/DC in December

In ***Nocha Roja,*** *Simon Oliver & Jason Latour* explore a hidden world of corruption where money, sex, politics and crime all add up to the same thing. In the desert just south of the border, young women are turning up murdered. No suspects. No clues. And authorities seem uninterested in uncovering any. When ex-private eye Jack Cohen is hired to find one missing girl, he is drawn back into the shadow world between North and South. And there, he must face the terrible tragedy in his past that he's been running from all these years.

Vertigo collected editions (advance solicited for January and February release) include:

- ***The Chill TP,*** a softcover version of the graphic novel by *Jason Starr & Mick Bertilorenzi.*
- ***House of Mystery Volume 5: Under New Management TP,*** collecting ***House of Mystery #s 21-25.***
- ***Jack of Fables Volume 8: The Fulminate Blade TP,*** collecting ***Jack of Fables #s 41-45.***
- ***The Sandman Volume 4: Season of Mists TP,*** an upgraded edition that features improved coloring and new trade dress.
- ***Madame Xanadu Volume 3: Broken House of Cards TP,*** collecting ***Madame Xanadu #s 16-21.***
- ***Vertigo Resurrected: Hellblazer #1,*** collecting *Garth Ennis-Steve Dillon* tales from ***Hellblazer #s 57 & 58*** and *Jason Aaron-Sean Murphy* tales from ***Hellblazer #s 245 & 246.***
- ***Vertigo Resurrected; Winter's Edge #1,*** collecting ten tales from ***Vertigo Winter's Edge*** featuring the Endless, Swamp Thing, John Constantine, and more.

Coming in May 2011 from DC Direct

The Queen of Atlantis shimmers in scales of sea green and gold in the ***Ame-Comi Heroine Series Mera PVC Figure,*** designed by *Jon Buran* and sculpted by *Jean St. Jean.*

Sweeping shadows in black and midnight blue, post-punk pretty Raven is spotlighted in the ***Ame-Comi Heroine Series Raven PVC Figure,*** sculpted by *Sam Greenwell.*

The art of *Don Kramer* is the inspiration for the *Jack Mathews*-sculpted ***Wonder Woman #600 Statue,*** which depicts Wonder Woman in her new *Jim Lee*-designed costume.

Ivan Reis's art is the basis for the ***Heroes of the DC Universe: Blackest Night Black Lantern Batman Bust,*** sculpted by *Jean St. Jean.*

The source of power for Hal Jordan's ring can be yours— albeit a tiny bit smaller— thanks to the upcoming ***Blackest Night: Green Lantern 1:4 Scale Power Battery and Ring Prop Replica Set,*** which includes a tiny battery and a light-up prop ring replica (the same sort of ring featured in this summer's sold-

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out nine-ring set).

Twelve 8" x 10" prints featuring art by *Jim Lee, Ivan Reis, Doug Mahnke,* and others are featured in ***Blackest Night* Portfolio Set Two.**

Art from ***Batman: Streets of Gotham*** is the inspiration for the ***Batman: Black & White Statue—Batman by Dustin Nguyen,*** sculpted by *Joseph Menna* from Nguyen's art.

She may be in love with the Joker, but you'll be in love with the ***Harley Quinn 1:4 Scale Museum Quality Statue,*** a mixed-media depiction of the Queen of Crime. Harley Quinn's costume is exquisitely tailored and detailed, while various mixed media elements give this museum quality statue texture and visual interest.

Faceoffs from throughout DC history are featured in the ***Ultimate Showdown: Superman Vs. Bizarro Statue Set,*** designed and sculpted by *Tim Bruckner.* Each character is displayed on a specially designed stand-alone base intended to "interact" with the other statues in the series and to be displayed in a myriad of ways. The statues can pivot independently on their bases and rotate their heads to customize and direct the action.

Four of DC's most iconic heroes are featured in the appropriately-named ***Justice League: Classic Icons Series One Action Figure Series,*** which featured classic depictions of ***Batman, Wonder Woman, Superman,*** and ***Green Lantern.***

Coming Comics—Marvel in December

What does Spidey need to confront an amped-up Hobgoblin? An amped-up Spidey suit, that's what—and you'll see it in ***Amazing Spider-Man #650*** by *Dan Slott & Humberto Ramos.*

The Illuminati are back in ***Avengers #8*** by *Brian Bendis & John Romita Jr.* Marvel's super-secret brain trust has reunited because someone is trying to put the Infinity Gauntlet back together. Who is it and will the Avengers be able to stop them in time? And what does any of this have to do with the Red Hulk?

In the wake of Shadowland, there's a new protector of Hell's Kitchen! He has no kingdom, no vibranium, and no high-tech safety net--just bloody knuckles and the will to prove himself in a foreign land where the fiercest of jungle predators stalks the most dangerous urban prey! His name is T'Challa, and you'll see him in action in ***Black Panther: The Man Without Fear #513*** by *David Liss & Francesco Francavilla.*

Captain America is a man out of time, frozen for decades and unaccustomed to modern life. Can the Sentinel of Liberty learn to fight alongside heroes 60 years younger than him… and why does Cap feel a strange connection to the man named Korvac? Find out in ***Captain America & The Korvac Saga*** by *Ben McCool & Craig Rousseau.*

Spider-Man teams up with Iron Man to confront one of the webhead's deadliest foes in ***Carnage #2*** by *Zeb Wells & Clayton Crain.*

Ares is dead, torn in half at the hands of the Sentry. But what is worse than death for the God of War? Being enlisted into the army of the Chaos King! The two greatest forces of destruction battle one last time for the soul of the Pantheons in ***Chaos War: Ares #1*** by *Mike Avon Oeming & Stephen Segovia.*

Chaos King has decimated the Pantheons of Earth, but the new God Squad have a last, desperate plan to halt Mikaboshi's march towards oblivion! Hellstorm, Silver Surfer, Sersi, Venus, and more of Marvel's deities and demigods unite in ***Chaos War: God Squad #1*** by *Marc Sumerak & Dan Panosian.*

Chris Claremont & Louise Simonson unite for ***Chaos War: X-Men #1,*** joining artist *Doug Braithwaite* for a tale that pits Marvel's mutants against the Chaos King.

Peter David, Robin Furth, & Luke Ross take readers back into the realm of the Dark Tower in ***Dark Tower: The Gunslinger—The Little Sisters of Eluria #1.*** Near death from an attack

PREVIEWS

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COVER STORY

LET ME IN: CROSSROADS #1
Dark Horse Comics
The official prelude to director Matt Reeves' highly anticipated film (Opening October 1st) starring Chloe Moretz of *Kick-Ass* fame! Writer Marc Andreyko and artist Patric Reynolds tell a tale of the vampire Abby and her caretaker, forced to fight for their home against a ruthless real-estate tycoon.

MAD MAGAZINE #507
DC Comics
MAD Magazine's annual round-up of the dumbest things of the year is here! What were the People, Events, and Things that made the "Usual Gang of idiots" take notice… and fire back with *MAD's* patented brand of social satire? Find out in the year-ending ***MAD* #507**!

430+ pages of cool stuff that starts shipping in December!

CHECK THESE OUT IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE:

Conan: The Road of Kings #1
Joined by artists Mike Hawthorne and John Lucas, master scribe Roy Thomas returns to the pages of *Conan* in this first issue of a new era in the adventures of Conan, taking the Cimmerian hero onto the High Seas!

Green Lantern: Larfleeze Christmas Special #1
Geoff Johns and Brett Booth put the "Ho Ho Ho" in the Holidays when Orange Lantern Larfleeze decides he wants it all for the holidays… including *Santa* himself! And nothing — not even the heroes of the DC Universe — can to stop him!

John Byrne's Next Men #1
A new chapter begins for the survivors of "Project Next Men"! They said it would never happen, but it has! John Byrne has returned to his classic creation with new friends, new foes, and a tale that literally twists time itself out of joint!

Marineman #1
With underwater action and adventure all the way, *Marineman*—from *Hulk, Supergirl* and *Uncanny X-Men* superstar artist Ian Churchill— may just turn out to be the comic book you didn't know you were missing!

Heroes for Hire #1
In the aftermath of *Shadowland*, Marvel's greatest street heroes — The Punisher, Moon Knight, Elektra, Iron Fist, The Falcon, Misty Knight and more — leap into one all-new series from writers Dan Abnett and Andy Lanning, and artist Brad Walker!

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by Slow Mutants, Roland Deschain is taken in by a group of Sisters who specialize in anything but the healing arts. These hideous, corpse-like creatures known as the Little Sisters of Eluria have murder on their twisted minds. And in his current, wounded condition, there's almost nothing the last gunslinger can do to prevent their tender mercies from taking hold...

In the aftermath of Shadowland, Marvel's greatest street heroes—Punisher, Moon Knight, Shroud, Elektra, Paladin, Silver Sable, Ghost Rider, Iron Fist, Falcon, Misty Knight and more—unite to form ***Heroes for Hire*** in a new series by

Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, & Brad Walker.

Marvel presents a handbook of their Heroic Age mutants in ***Heroic Age: X-Men #1.***

After the senses-shattering conclusion of Shadowland, can the people of Hell's Kitchen rebuild without a champion to guide them? *Antony Johnston, Marco Checchetto, & Roberto De La Torre* answer that question in ***Shadowland: After the Fall #1.***

Odin is back in *Matt Fraction & Pasqual Ferry's* ***Thor #618,*** and that means big changes for Thor, for Asgard, and for Earth. And you won't believe who Ol' One Eye brings back with him. On top of *that*, the God of Thunder has to deal with the ramifications of reincarnating Loki— the least of which are that the God of Tricks has taken a form no one saw coming.

Mike Carey & Mike Perkins resent a classic tale of the god of thunder in ***Thor: Wolves of the North.*** Hela lays siege to Asgard, and demon hordes are loose on Earth. Weakened and alone, Thor must make a dangerous bargain with a mortal woman in order to launch a last assault on the forces of death and chaos.

The enemy has revealed itself... and his name is Doom. Now, the surviving heroes must put together the most bad ass covert ops team ever if they have any chance of catching up to the enemy before he/she strikes again. Marvel promises that *Brian Bendis & Rafa Sandoval's* ***Ultimate Doom*** will make major changes in the Ultiverse.

December's approaching—and that means it's time for another installment of Marvel's annual ***What If?*** event, kicking off with ***What If? #200,*** featuring stories by *Stan Lee, Marc Guggenheim, Dave Wilkins, & Dale Eaglesham.* The main story offers a different look at ***Siege,*** "What If Norman Osborn Won the Siege of Asgard?" The second tale is one that will be talked about amongst the multiverse: the murder of Galactus at the hands of... the Watcher?

Other what if oneshots include ***What If? Dark Reign,*** a tale that begins with Hawkeye's execution of Norman Osborn; ***What If? Wolverine: Father,*** which finds Logan taking the young Daken under his wing from his first moments; ***What If? Spider-Man,*** in which Spider-Man kills his adversary Sergei Kravinoff; and ***What If? Iron Man: Demon in an Armor,*** which finds Tony Stark's mind transferred into Victor Von Doom's body and vice versa.

Espionage agents around the world are being assassinated, their covers blown, and governments' intelligence & security capabilities devastated! The person behind it: an all-new Ronin! The next two super-spies targeted for death: Black Widow and Mockingbird! Let the game begin as Marvel's spy community collides with its superhuman agents in ***Widowmaker,*** a four-parter by *Jim McCann, Duane Swierczynski, & David Lopez.*

Wolverine frequently uses his adamantium claws to whip up a lethal solution to his deadliest problems. What happens, though, when he faces an opponent who becomes a much bigger problem if he's killed? Meet Contagion, a bold new addition to Wolverine's rogue's gallery, in ***Wolverine: The Best There Is #1*** by *Charlie Huston & Juan Jose Ryp.*

Marvel collected volumes (some advance solicited for January and February release) include:

- ***Atlas: Return of the Three Dimensional Man,*** collecting ***Atlas #s 1-5*** and more.
- ***Avengers Assemble Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Avengers (1998) #s 1-11, Annual 1998, Iron Man (1998) #7, Captain America (1998) #8,*** and ***Quicksilver #10.***
- ***Black Widow: The Name of the Rose Premiere HC,*** collecting the five-part miniseries and more.
- ***Captain America: America First TP,*** collecting a trio of Cap oneshots.
- ***Captain America: Zemo Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Captain America #s 606-610.***
- ***Deadpool Corps Prelude TP,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.
- ***Deadpool Team-Up Volume 1: Good Buddies TP,*** collecting ***Deadpool #s 899-894*** and more.
- ***Deadpool Team-Up Volume 2: Special Relationships HC,*** collecting ***Deadpool Team-Up #s 893-889*** and ***Rank & Foul.***
- ***Excalibur Visionaries: Warren Ellis Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Excalibur #s 96-103*** and ***Pryde & Wisdom #s 1-3.***
- ***Exiles Ultimate Collection Book 6 TP,*** collecting ***Exiles #s 90-100*** and more.
- ***Generation X Classic Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Uncanny X-Men #s 317-318, Generation X #s 1-4,*** and more.

- ***Gorilla Man TP,*** collecting ***Gorilla Man #s 1-3*** and more.
- ***Halo: Helljumper TP,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.
- ***Hercules: Twilight of a God TP,*** collecting the four-part miniseries.
- ***Hit-Monkey: Year of the Monkey TP,*** collecting the miniseries and oneshot.
- ***Invincible Iron Man Volume 4: Stark Disassembled TP,*** collecting ***Invincible Iron Man #s 20-24.***
- ***Ka-Zar by Mark Waid & Andy Kubert Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Ka-Zar #s 1-7 & -1*** and more.
- ***Marvel Masterworks: The Amazing Spider-Man Volume 13 HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 121-131*** (including the first appearance of the Punisher).
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Atlas Era Strange Tales Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***Strange Tales #s 31-39,*** featuring work by *Joe Simnott, John Romita, Bill Everett, Joe Maneely,* and others.
- ***Marvel Masterworks: The Uncanny X-Men Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***X-Men #s 111-121.***
- ***Marvel Universe Vs. the Punisher HC,*** collecting the four-part miniseries.
- ***Marvels: Eye of the Camera TP,*** collecting the six-part miniseries.
- ***One Month to Live Premiere HC,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.
- ***PunisherMax: Bullseye Premiere HC,*** collecting ***PunisherMax #s 6-11.***
- ***The Rawhide Kid: The Sensational Seven TP,*** collecting ***Rawhide Kid #s 1-4*** and ***Two-Gun Kid #89 (1967).***
- ***Secret Warriors Volume 3: Wake the Beast TP,*** collecting ***Secret Warriors #s 11-16.***
- ***Siege: Avengers the Initiative TP,*** collecting ***Avengers the Initiative #s 31-35 & Special #1.***
- ***Siege: Thor TP,*** collecting ***Thor #s 607-610, New Mutants #11,*** and ***Siege: Loki.***
- ***Siege: Thunderbolts TP,*** collecting ***Thunderbolts #s 138-143.***
- ***Spider-Man: Black Cat TP,*** collecting the four-part miniseries and more.
- ***Spider-Man: Origin of the Species Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 642-647.***
- ***Spider-Man: The Real Clone Saga TP,*** collecting the six-part miniseries.
- ***Super Hero Squad: Infinity Sword Quest GN,*** a smaller-trim-size collection of ***Super Hero Squad #s 1-5.***
- ***Super Hero Squad Volume 4 Digest,*** collecting the comics seen on marvelkids.com.
- ***Thor by Walter Simonson Omnibus,*** a massive 1192-page collection of Simonson's groundbreaking run that originally appeared in ***Thor #s 337-355, 357-369, 371-382,*** and ***Balder the Brave #s 1-4.***
- ***Thor: The Mighty Avenger Volume 1—The God Who Fell to Earth GN,*** a smaller-trim-size collection of the four-part miniseries along with the first two Silver Age Thor tales.
- ***Thor Vs. Seth, the Serpent God TP,*** collecting

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Thor v1 #s 395-400.

- ***Tomb of Dracula Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Tomb of Dracula #s 24-31*** and ***Giant-Size Dracula #s 2-4.***
- ***Uncanny X-Men: The Birth of Generation Hope TP,*** collecting ***Uncanny X-Men #s 526-529*** and more.
- ***Vengeance of the Moon Knight Volume 2: Killed, Not Dead TP,*** collecting ***Vengeance of the Moon Knight #s 7-10.***
- ***X-Campus TP,*** collecting the four-part miniseries.
- ***X-Force: Sex & Violence HC,*** collecting the three-part miniseries and ***New X-Men Annual 2001.***
- ***X-Force: Under the Gun Premiere HC,*** collecting ***X-Force #s 5-15*** and material from ***X-Force Annual #1.***
- ***X-Men Noir: Mark of Cain GN,*** a smaller-trim-size collection of the four-part series.
- ***X-Necrosha TP,*** collecting the spring/summer X-event in a massive 448-page collection.

Coming Comics—Dynamite in December

The art of such greats as *Adam Hughes, Dave Stevens, Jim Silke, Jae Lee, Joe Jusko, Mike Mignola, Joe Quesada, Michael Golden, Dan Brereton,* and *J. Scott Campbell* is prominently featured in ***The Art of Vampirella HC,*** a 216-page collection of some of the many artists who have contributed to Vampirella's artistic legacy.

An elite pararescue jumper is ambushed during a mission in Afghanistan. When he uses an experimental weapon in an attempt to save his life, the weapon malfunctions... and the result will change Wayne and warfare forever. Discover the nature of the change in ***Bring the Thunder #1*** by *Jai Nitz & Wilson Tortosa.*

Ande Parks & Edgar Salazar pit Kato against a menace right out of a classic Japanese man-in-bad-monster-suit movie in ***Kevin Smith's Kato Annual #1.*** Can Kato solve the mystery behind the monster's rampage in time, or will this monstrous menace destroy Century City just as Kato gets settled?

Christmas is a time of hope and peace. It's also a time of cold chills and shadowy spirits, as readers will discover in ***Project Superpowers: X-Mas Carol,*** a oneshot by *Alex Ross, Brandon Jerwa, & Patrick Berkenkotter.* Fighting Yank, the Ghost and the American Spirit are teaming up to scare the Dickens out of the villainous Clown... but he's got a bag full of tricks and a secret plan that's guaranteed to ruin Christmas for our heroes.

Leah Moore & John Reppion pay another visit to zombieland in ***Raise the Dead 2 #1.*** *Mike Raicht* supplies the script from their plot as a handful of survivors fight for their lives against the rising tide of undead mayhem.

Eric Trautmann & Wagner Reis continue the saga of Vampirella's war with Vlad Dracula in ***Vampirella #2.*** In the clutches of Le Fanu—one of Dracula's oldest and most trusted lieutenants—Vampirella must face a growing threat more terrifying than any she has ever encountered.

Dynamite's sold-out ***Michael Turner Red Sonja Statue*** is available once again in a compact edition. The ***Red Sonja Michael Turner "Diamond Eye" Re-Sized Statue*** offers a 7.5" tall version of the sold-out statue based on Turner's cover to ***Red Sonja #1.***

Jose Gonzalez's stunning six-foot tall rendition of Vampirella is available once again in the ***Vampirella Jose Gonzalez Vintage Door Poster 40th Anniversary Edition.***

Dynamite collected volumes include:

- ***Green Hornet: Parallel Lives TP,*** collecting the five-part series.
- ***Kato Origins Volume 1: Way of the Ninja TP,*** collecting ***Kato Origins #s 1-5,*** along with a cover gallery.
- ***Kevin Smith's Green Hornet Volume 2: Wearing o' the Green HC,*** collecting ***Kevin Smith's Green Hornet #s 6-10.***
- ***Vampirella Masters Series Volume 3: Mark Millar TP,*** collecting Millar's second ***Vampirella*** run.
- ***The Warriors Official Movie Adaptation TP,*** collecting the retelling of the Paramount Pictures classic.

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in December

Roy Thomas, the writer who put Conan on the comics map, reunites with *Robert E. Howard's* barbarian for ***Conan: Road of Kings,*** a six-issue limited series that follows Conan and his crew of brigands ravage the seas in search of treasure and glory. But when the beautiful Olivia appears aboard one of the captured ships and starts speaking of prophetic dreams and king's fortunes, Conan's path takes him down the Road of Kings...

Jim Shooter presents Solar's origin in ***Doctor Solar, Man of the Atom #5,*** revealing how a middle-aged man of science came to command the fires of creation.

The striking pop surrealism of *Camilla D'Errico* is spotlighted in ***Femina and Fauna: The Art of Camilla D'Errico,*** a 112-page hardcover.

Carla Speed McNeil's ***Finder*** joins the Dark Horse line with the release of the 208-page ***Finder: Voice TP,*** an original graphic novel that follows Rachel Grosvenor's quest for admission to a highly exclusive clan.

Felicia Day presents another comics adventure of the Guild in ***The Guild: Vork,*** the first of five brand-new oneshots spotlighting the Knights of Good.

Mark Andreyko & Patric Reynolds join forces for ***Let Me In: Crossroads #1,*** the launch of the prequel to director *Matt Reeves'* highly anticipated horror film. The prequel focuses on Abby, a vampire trapped forever in the mind and body of a child.

Five-hundred years after the end of the world, amid the ruins of a once-great city scourged by mutated monsters, marauders, and savage subhuman predators, the primitive N'Yark tribe ekes out a meager, fragile existence. But from among them rises a champion, gifted with prodigious strength—a warrior who can strike dead the most fearsome beast and stand alone against an army. Mighty Samson is the last, best hope of humankind, and you can meet him in ***Mighty Samson #1*** by *Jim Shooter & Patrick Olliffe.* This bonus-sized first issue includes the very first Gold Key ***Mighty Samson*** story from 1964!

Dark Horse presents the final volume of their online comics anthology with the release of ***Myspace Dark Horse Presents Volume 6 TP,*** featuring material by *Jaime Hernandez, Gabriel Ba, Art Baltazar, Stan Sakai,* and others.

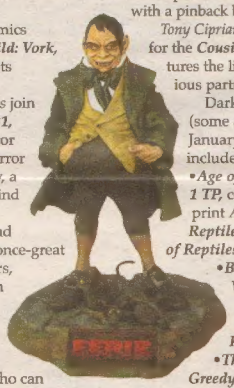
Hack/Slash creator *Tim Seeley* makes his Dark Horse debut with the oneshot ***The Occultist.*** When a mysterious book of powerful spells binds itself to him, the fact that Rob's life has been falling apart doesn't seem like such a big deal. To survive, Rob must learn to control the book's unpredictable magic, while his life slips even further out of control.

Dark Horse explores the fantastic realms of *Robert E. Howard's* imagination in ***Robert E. Howard's Savage Sword #1,*** an eighty-page anthology that features a mix of new tales and restored reprints of classic material—kicking off with a restored and recolored version of *Roy Thomas, Tim Conrad, & Barry Windsor-Smith's* "Worms of the Earth."

Jeremy Barlow & Daxiong present an original Boba Fett graphic novel for all ages in ***Star Wars Adventures: Boba Fett and the Ship of Fear.***

Darth Krayt has returned from the "dead," stronger, more evil, and more determined than ever to crush the galaxy under his heel. With Emperor Roan Fel's Imperials, the Galactic Alliance, the Jedi, and even some of his own Sith followers arrayed against him, Krayt would seem overmatched—but his enemies have not reckoned with the power of the dark side, as you'll discover in ***Star Wars: Legacy—War #1,*** a new tale featuring Cade Skywalker.

Dark Horse latest syrocco-style statue offerings is ***Classic Archie Character #3: Betty,*** limited to 950 pieces and packaged in its own tin box with a pinback button and character booklet.



Tony Cipriano does the sculpture work for the ***Cousin Eerie Statue,*** which captures the likeness of ***Uncle Creepy's*** bilious partner in crime.

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- ***Age of Reptiles Omnibus Volume 1 TP,*** collecting the long-out-of-print ***Age of Reptiles*** and ***Age of Reptiles: The Hunt*** along with ***Age of Reptiles: The Journey.***
- ***BPRD: Plague of Frogs Volume 1 HC,*** collecting the complete ***Plague of Frogs*** saga, from ***Hollow Earth*** to ***King of Fear.***
- ***The Goon Volume 10: Death's Greedy Comeuppance TP,*** collecting two ***Goon*** stories and the ***Buzzard*** miniseries by *Eric Powell.*
- ***Little Lulu Volume 26: The Feud & Other Stories TP,*** collecting ***Little Lulu #s 130-135.***
- ***The Savage Sword of Conan Volume 9 TP,*** collecting ***Savage Sword #s 94-101.***
- ***Star Wars Omnibus: A Long Time Ago... Volume 3 TP,*** collecting issues 50-67 of the Marvel run.

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